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AT THE

LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE

OF

Trinity Memorial Church, Ambler, Penna.,

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¶ As they enter upon the ground the Clergy, Choir, &c., shall say the cxxxii Psalm (132).

LORD, remember David: and all his trouble.

2. How he sware unto the Lord: and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob;

3. I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house: nor climb up into my bed;

4. I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eyelids to slumber: neither the temples of my head to take any rest;

5. Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord: an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

6. Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata: and found it in the wood.

7. We will go into his tabernacle, and fall low on our knees before his footstool.

8. Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place; thou, and the ark of thy strength.

9. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness: and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.

10. For thy servant David's sake: turn not away the presence of thine Annointed.

11. The Lord hath made a faithful oath unto David; and he shall not shrink from it.

12. Of the fruit of thy body: shall I set upon thy seat.

13. If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall learn them: their children also shall sit upon thy seat forevermore.

14. For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself: he hath longed for her.

15. This shall be my rest: forever; here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.

16. I will bless her victuals with increase: and will satisfy her poor with bread.

17. I will deck her priests with health: and her saints shall rejoice and sing.

18. There shall I make the horn of David to flourish: I have ordained a lantern for mine Anointed.

19. As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ Then shall be sung Hymn 491.

THE Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one Faith, one Birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppress,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distrest;
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

¶ Then one of the Clergy shall say:

The epistle is written in the second chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians, beginning at the eighteenth verse:

FOR through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit.

Here endeth the epistle.

¶ The Creed shall be said by all, standing.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church: The communion of saints: The forgiveness of sins: The resurrection of the body: And the life everlasting. Amen.

Priest. The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.
Priest. Let us pray.

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and furthur us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name and finally by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Eternal God, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, bless this work for which we are here gathered together, to the honor and glory of Thy great Name, and the edification of Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to grant that these walls now begun may be built up an holy temple unto thee. May they be kept from all common and profane uses. May the prayers and praises of thy holyCatholic and Apostolic Church be here offered up, and ascend to Thy throne an incense of a sweet smelling savor. May thy true and lively word be set forth, the glad tidings of reconciliation in thy gospel diligently preached and thy holy sacraments rightly and duly administered; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Bless, O Lord, those who have given of their substance to the building of this house; preserve from harm those who labor to erect it, and grant to all whose thoughts now and hereafter may cluster round the same a pure intention and a patient faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then notice shall be given of the deposits made therein.

¶ Then the Bishop and the Priests shall say:

Except the Lord build the house their labor is but vain that build it.

¶ Then the Bishop, striking the stone three times with a hammer, shall say:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

I lay the corner stone of an edifice to be here erected by the name of Trinity Memorial Church, to be devoted to the service of Almighty God, according to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, even Jesus Christ; who is God over all, blessed for evermore, in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins. *Amen.*

Priest. O Lord, open thou our lips.
Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Priest. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Priest. Praise ye the Lord.
Answer. The Lord's name be praised.

¶ Then shall be sung Hymn 291.

O LORD of hosts, Whose glory fills
The bounds of the eternal hills,
And yet vouchsafes, in Christian lands,
To dwell in temples made with hands;

Grant that all we who here to-day
Rejoicing this foundation lay,
May be in very deed Thine own,
Built on the precious Corner-stone.

Endue the creatures with Thy grace,
That shall adorn Thy dwelling-place;
The beauty of the oak and pine,
The gold and silver, make them Thine.

To Thee they all belong; to Thee
The treasures of the earth and sea;
And when we bring them to Thy throne,
We but present Thee with Thine own.

The minds that guide, endue with skill;
The hands that work, preserve from ill;
That we, who these foundations lay,
May raise the top-stone in its day.

Both now and ever, Lord, protect
The temple of thine own elect;
Be Thou in them and they in Thee,
O ever blessed Trinity.

Here shall follow the Address by the Bishop of the Diocese.

Priest. Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone, grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple, acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in the mystical body of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall be sung Hymn 176.

FOR all the saints, who from their labors rest.
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia.

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might:
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the the well-fought [fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light.
Alleluia.

Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia.

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia.

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia.

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia.

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia.

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia.

BENEDICTION.